

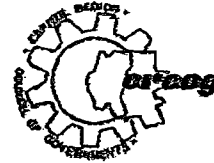
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MARCH PUBLIC WORKSHOP WILL CONSIDER PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE I-84 VIADUCT

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(March 15, 2010)— The HUB of Hartford Committee is investigating preliminary alternatives for replacement of the I-84 Viaduct, the elevated portion of the highway that extends from Exit 46 (Sisson Avenue) to Exit 48 (Asylum/Capitol Avenues). The Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) is currently addressing the structure's short-term needs, but a long-term solution will be necessary.

"Replacement of the Viaduct can be a tremendous opportunity for Hartford," said Mayor Eddie A. Perez. "This is not just a transportation project – it's a chance to strengthen Hartford as the state's job hub and to better connect our neighborhoods. This project could change the way we see our Downtown and the City as a whole."

Replacement alternatives currently under consideration include an enhanced viaduct structure, a limited access skyway, a surface boulevard, a tunnel, and an approach that includes both viaduct and tunnel components.

The HUB Committee was appointed by Mayor Perez and the study is being administered by its partner in this project, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). The results of this study will be used by ConnDOT as a starting point for a more detailed technical and environmental analysis.

The current study is scheduled to be completed this year and includes three public meetings. The first public meeting, held on November 19th in the Frog Hollow neighborhood, brought together dozens of residents from Hartford and beyond. Participants discussed challenges with the I-84 Viaduct and the types of alternatives they would like to see investigated.

A second public meeting focusing on Viaduct replacement alternatives will be held on **Thursday, March 25th at the Hartford Public Library, 550 Main Street in downtown Hartford.** An Open House from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. will provide an opportunity for attendees to review the alternatives and speak one-on-one with HUB members and the project consultant team. A Workshop from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. will feature a presentation followed by group discussion that will help shape further investigation of Viaduct alternatives.

This event will be hosted by the HUB of Hartford Committee, the City of Hartford, and CRCOG, in conjunction with the Hartford Public Library. Residents, employees and business owners from across the region are encouraged to attend.

For more information on the study, please log on to www.crcog.org/viaduct.html